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EGYPTIAN SPOKESMAN ASSAILS U.S. AID TO ISRAEL

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(TEXT) CAIRO--AHMAD ANIS, THE OFFICIAL SPOKESMAN FOR THE ARAB REPUBLIC OF EGYPT, HAS STATED THAT REPORTS HAVE BEEN REPEATED IN THE PAST 2 DAYS ON THE UNITED STATES' SENDING URGENT CONSIGNMENTS OF ARMS TO ISRAEL AND THAT THESE REPORTS, WHICH HAVE BEEN CARRIED BY MORE THAN ONE WESTERN NEWS AGENCY, REFERRED TO QUANTITIES OF ARMS THAT HAVE INDEED BEEN SHIPPED TO ISRAEL FROM A U.S. AIR BASE.

THE OFFICIAL SPOKESMAN REFERRED TO A DECISION MADE BY A U.S. JOINT CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE TO ALLOCATE THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE A BUDGET TO SUPPLY ISRAEL WITH TANKS AND LIGHT WEAPONS TO OFFSET ITS LOSSES IN THE WAR.

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT IT HAS BEEN OBSERVED THAT THE UNITED STATES AT THE SAME TIME PROPAGATED STATEMENTS ATTRIBUTED TO SOME U.S. OFFICIALS THAT THE SOVIET UNION IS SUPPLYING EGYPT AND SYRIA WITH MILITARY EQUIPMENT BY AIR.

THE OFFICIAL SPOKESMAN: THE GOVERNMENT OF THE ARAB REPUBLIC OF EGYPT IS FOLLOWING SUCH REPORTS WITH CLOSE INTEREST, REPORTS THAT SHOW A CLEAR PROVOCATION OF THE ARAB NATION'S FEELINGS AT THIS CRITICAL STAGE OF THE ARAB-ISRAELI CONFLICT IN WHICH THE UNITED STATES INDEED BEARS THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR BACKING THE ISRAELI AGGRESSORS POLITICALLY, ECONOMICALLY AND MILITARILY. THIS U.S. SUPPORT HAS ENABLED ISRAEL FOR WELL OVER 6 YEARS, SINCE THE JUNE WAR, TO CHALLENGE WORLD OPINION, TO CONTINUE TO OCCUPY THE TERRITORIES THAT WERE USURPED BY AGGRESSION FROM THREE ARAB STATES, AND TO CLOSE THE SUEZ CANAL TO INTERNATIONAL NAVIGATION, THUS INFLECTING EXTENSIVE ECONOMIC HARM ON NUMEROUS STATES OF THE WORLD.

THE OFFICIAL SPOKESMAN SAID: THE ARAB REPUBLIC OF EGYPT WARNS AGAINST THE RESULTS THAT MIGHT ENSUE FROM THE CONTINUED U.S. POLICY OF EXTENDING ALL-OUT SUPPORT FOR THE ISRAELI AGGRESSION AND PROVIDING THE AGGRESSORS WITH ARMS THEY ARE USING TO STRIKE AT CIVILIANS IN SYRIA AND EGYPT.

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